

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

As an initial matter, applicant notes that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 4, 2004, has not yet been considered even though the date of the Official Action is July 13, 2004. Applicant notes that the Patent Office database does show that the Information Disclosure Statement was received.

Claims 1-42 were previously pending, claims 1, 11 and 25 being independent. Certain of the previously pending claims are now being amended. Further, new claims 43-65 are added, claim 59 being independent.

Claims 1-42 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-42 of co-pending application No. 10/308,027.

In view of the present amendments, this rejection is believed moot.

There being no substantive rejections, allowance of the presently pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

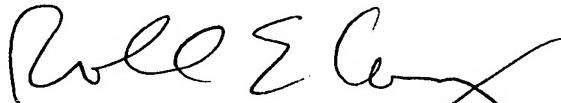
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